

10/590022  
IAP9 Rec'd PCT/PTO 21 AUG 2006

Attorney Docket No. 0756-7803

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: )  
Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al. ) Attention: DO/EO/US  
Based on PCT/JP2005/003225 )  
Filed: February 21, 2005 )  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE )

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

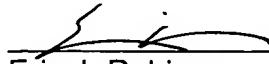
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant submits herewith a Form PTO-1449 listing information known to Applicant and requests that this information be made of record in the above identified application. Copies are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

Copies of U.S. patents and U.S. publications are not enclosed in accordance with the Notice published in the Official Gazette on August 5, 2003 entitled *Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003*, which waives the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. publication.

U.S. Patent No. 5,856,788 is in the family of WO 1997/034222.

U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0106237 is in the family of JP 2003-059831.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Eric J. Robinson  
Reg. No. 38,285  
Robinson Intellectual Property Law Office, P.C.  
PMB 955  
21010 Southbank Street  
Potomac Falls, Virginia 20165  
(571) 434-6789

10/590022

IAP9 Rec'd PCT/PTO 21 AUG 2006

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → [+]

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				<i>Complete if Known</i>	
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b> <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Application Number	
Sheet	1	of	2	Filing Date	August 21, 2006
				First Named Inventor	Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.
				Group Art Unit	
				Examiner Name	
				Attorney Docket Number	0756-7803

<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
		5,856,788		Walter et al.	01/05/1999	
		2003/0160715		Maeda et al.	08/28/2003	
		2004/0106237		Yamazaki	06/03/2004	

<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		WO	1997/034222			09/18/1997		Eng.
		JP	2003-059831			02/28/2003		Abst.
		JP	60-153156			08/12/1985		Abst.
		JP	2001-260580			09/25/2001		Abst.

<b>OTHER PRIOR ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS</b>						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.				T <sup>2</sup>
		International Search Report (Application No. PCT/JP2005/003225) dated June 7, 2005				
		Written Opinion (Application No. PCT/JP2005/003225) dated June 7, 2005				

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.